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"The real reason for my divorce from Gordon Coutts was his extreme cruelty—mental and physical. If he dares to charge that anything else is to blame I will make him pay dear. If he has said he did not want to contest my suit he is not telling the truth. As a matter of fact, he did not dare contest my suit."

This is the answer of Alice Hobbs Coutts, divorced wife of Gordon Coutts, celebrated artist, following the arrival on the coast of her former husband and the publication of charges, declared to have been made by him, naming a New Zealand attorney as the wrecker of his home.

**RESIDING AT HOTEL.**  
Mrs. Coutts has been living at the Hotel St. Mark, Oakland, since her return from the Reno divorce trial. Even her close friends did not know where she was. At the time her divorce was filed against the famous artist, he was in Tangiers, Africa, and rushed halfway across the globe to appear at the hearing. He declares, according to an interview published today, that he was informed that contests "were not popular in the Reno divorce mill" and that he better not attempt to oppose the suit.

"Mr. Coutts did not dare oppose the suit," declared Mrs. Coutts this morning. "I would have told all the facts of his cruelty to me." In her suit she alleged that he was temperamental and paid more attention to his art than to his wife.

Coutts returned yesterday from Reno and was asked as to the Reno divorce system, and declaring that it is a disgrace to America. "Contests are discouraged, the idea being that they would hurt the divorce industry," says his published interview. "The town is wide open and reminds me of the old wild West gambling days."

**ATTORNEY BLAMED.**  
The interview goes on to recite that Coutts blames a New Zealand attorney for his marital wreck. "My wife on our return from Australia acted queerly, but I did not then know why. She refused to accompany me to Europe and I went alone to do Red Cross work," says the interview. "When I left America I had not the slightest suspicion."

"When I returned I went directly to Reno. The landlady of my wife's apartments told me that this man arranged for the rooms and had a cottage next door. Then my wife told me that she and the New Zealander were quite friendly and asked me to sign an agreement not to do violence to him or sue him for alienation of affection."

Coutts and his wife were married in 1904. He had been her teacher. They had toured the world together. Coutts was honored by having his picture hung in the Royal Academy, London, and given other testimonials abroad.

**KNOWN IN BERKELEY.**  
BERKELEY, Dec. 22.—Mrs. H. H. Mashburn, who was killed in the train collision at Shoppersville, Ky., Thursday evening, is a sister of S. E. Haycraft, 2288 Carlton street, this city. Mrs. Mashburn, who was the wife of a Kentucky minister, was well known in this city, where she visited with the Haycrafts for several months a short time ago. Mr. and Mrs. Haycraft formerly lived in Kentucky.

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# Blue Bird Bureau

Mabel made a hit right away. She had appealing brown eyes and wavy brown hair. She dressed prettily. And she had a recommendation that carried weight, a recommendation from her former mother to her new one.

Mabel was brought to the Blue Bird Bureau in a pasteboard box yesterday when she was 7 1/2 years old, brought by her first mother, a little girl just the same age as Mabel, but still her mother. This is the recommendation from Mabel's mother:

"This is Mabel, and she is leaving her mamma to go to a new mamma and will try to make her as happy as she has her present mamma for six years. She will be 8 years old on the 24th of December, her mamma's birthday, too. I hope you will care for this Mabel doll and love her as I have. Signed MARION"

Marion, the first mamma, also brought several dresses for Mabel, so that she would have a wardrobe in her new home. From all appearances, Mabel might have been only a few days old, just out of the store, so well had she been mothered.

Her new mamma has already been selected, and Christmas morning she will wake up in the home of a little girl who never had anything but a rag doll before, and who has been asking for a real doll for several Christmases past.

The files in the Blue Bird Bureau have been almost cleared of names of families who have appealed for help Christmas, or for toys for the children. More than seven hundred children who would otherwise have been disappointed, will be remembered with some toy, and some little bag of goodies Christmas eve or Christmas morning. Many Christmas dinners will be provided. There has also been the alleviation of distress through the action of Good Fellows in providing clothes, bedding, furniture, money—where the need of these things was apparent. It is going to be a warm-hearted Christmas—one that the Good Fellows may well feel proud of during the months to come.

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# CHARGE FOODS BELOW GRADE

Several Oakland firms are to face prosecution under the state pure food laws as the result of charges preferred by the Bureau of Foods and Drugs at Berkeley. One hundred and thirty-six violations in the state were reported by the Board of Health following analysis of samples of food taken from different places. The Oakland firms enumerated are:

Swift & Company, "fresh eggs," adulterated and mislabeled, alleged to have been old and stale. Two separate charges.

American Creamery Company, "fresh eggs," adulterated and mislabeled, old and stale. Two separate charges.

Western Meat Company, "fresh eggs," adulterated and mislabeled, filthy and decomposed.

Kenmore Ice Cream Company, "fresh eggs," adulterated and mislabeled, deficient in butter fat.

R. Rosenthal, "fresh eggs," adulterated and mislabeled, cold storage eggs.

In Martinez the following firms are charged with adulterating food: George Vincent, absinthe, adulterated; Alhambra Restaurant, D. M. Bell, proprietor, black pepper adulterated and mislabeled, cold storage eggs.

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# BOOM PREDICTED IN OIL INDUSTRY

Production of oil in California will leap ahead with fresh vigor before the end of February, after two years of comparative lethargy, when Congress will reopen all the withdrawn lands in the state with the exception of the naval reserve, according to Roy N. Bishop, president of the Oil Industry Association of California, who has just returned from Washington.

There is every reason to believe, he says, that the new mineral lands bill, which was taken up by the Senate in January or early in February, will be passed by the House before the end of the month.

"All the so-called withdrawn area which was set aside by President Taft in 1909 will be thrown open," he said, "with the exception of 50,000 acres in the naval reserve, which is a very small section in comparison with the rest of the lands. One hundred and twenty-five oil companies in this state will be ready to begin drilling immediately."

"We have been getting along for a long time by using about one million barrels a month from our reserve supply. It is probable that the development of new wells will just about make up for what has been taken from the reserve and for the natural decline due to wells drying up."

"Congressmen have begun to realize that the fuel supply is very important to the people of the coast and that the necessary supply of oil for the navy can be obtained only from new development work in the withdrawn lands. I do not anticipate any delay in opening up work because of trouble in getting supplies. I think that the priority board will see to it that we get our shipments of casings and machinery without serious waiting."

**PROGRAM CHANGE**  
Announcement was made at the Hippodrome Playhouse today that the Sunday vaudeville bills will be discontinued because of popular demand and in the future the dramatic productions of the

turn of the drama. The first show is to be "Rebecca of Sunnybrook Farm," which opens next Sunday, December 23.

"Rebecca of Sunnybrook Farm" has been especially selected for the second week of the stock season at the theater and the popular star will appear in the leading role at a special performance on Christmas Day. Seats are now on sale at the theater and a capacity house is expected. Miss Stock will be surrounded by all of the favorites.

"Rebecca of Sunnybrook Farm" will be presented for one week only and will be followed by "Clean Hands," the stirring drama written by Walter Rivers, a San Francisco newspaperman. "Clean Hands" will be presented during New Year's week with a big noisy performance on New Year's Day. This show will also start on Sunday afternoon.

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# Music Features Christmas Services at the Churches

## CHILDREN TO PRESENT NEW CANTATA

Next Sunday evening the Sunday school of the First Baptist church will present a Christmas cantata entitled "Santa's Wonderful Gift." In the cantata the children will tell the story of the birth of Christ, and the children will sing the cantata. The program will begin at 8 o'clock.

**JEWELL OF CONTENTMENT.** In the first we are introduced to a typical American family, where the children are quarreling among themselves and complaining about the Christmas presents they had received the year before. At the close of the cantata the children enter and announce that they have brought back from the Deep Sea Land. Santa announces that he has brought back the Jewell of Contentment, which is a jewel of contentment which she has brought back from the Deep Sea Land. Santa announces that he has brought back the Jewell of Contentment, which is a jewel of contentment which she has brought back from the Deep Sea Land.

The part of the chief of the Atlantians is played by Irving Griffin, while Vernon Carter is seen as the sorcerer. Dean Anderson sings the part of the Jewell of Contentment, and Lowell Fisher represents Queen Melita. In the first act Dolly Ames takes the part of the Jewell of Contentment, and the part of the Jewell of Contentment is played by Ruth Strick. Other children participating in the cantata are:

Donovan, Kirchen, Edwin Hill, Carl Allen, Elmer St. John, Dorothy Miller, Nellie Griffin, Eleanor Wilson, Dorothea Higgins, Lillian Mills, Evelyn Strick, Glen Griffin, Doris Walker and Helen Harper.

The cantata is under the direction of Mrs. Frank Bloomer, assisted by Mrs. Blanche Bloomer and Miss Helen Lacy. Ralph Ellis is superintendent of the school. Rev. J. H. McCartney is pastor.

**ST. MICHAEL'S.** Following is the Christmas musical program for St. Michael's church, which will be presented on Sunday, December 23, at 11 a. m. Organ prelude, "Morning Song" (René L. Becker, anthem, "Jubilate in E flat," (Chas. A. Stebbins, organ postlude, "Jubilate Amen," Ralph Krieger. Organ prelude, "Morning Song" (René L. Becker, anthem, "Jubilate in E flat," (Chas. A. Stebbins, organ postlude, "Jubilate Amen," Ralph Krieger.

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## PASTOR PLEASURES ELMHURST FLOCK

Elmhurst Baptist church will soon have her pastor. Last Sunday the State convention, which has control of pastorates, sent Rev. H. J. Jackson to preach his trial sermon. The congregation is so delighted with him that he will preach his permanent sermon on Sunday, December 23, at 11 a. m. and in all probability will be accepted.

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## Editor's Chats

The Pilgrimage of Prayer by recently inaugurated and concluded in one week in this district by the Episcopal Church brought with it the participation of a sweet devotion of rest and confidence in an Almighty God, and left behind an afterglow of the sweet presence of the Father's love that overflowed from their hearts to barren hearts less familiar with Him.

Now comes at this Christmas time, when the month of the poor (in spirit) becomes as the beat of a thousand war drums to the hearts of an already seemingly overburdened church, a national, international devotion of rest and confidence in an Almighty God, and left behind an afterglow of the sweet presence of the Father's love that overflowed from their hearts to barren hearts less familiar with Him.

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## Christmas Chimes Ring Out

Tomorrow the chimes of Christmas carols will ring forth from the church as of old. The sermons will point to the "old-new" story of the ever-living Christ, but with new vision. There seem to be in the sermon topics a stronger hint of the infinite, omnipotent Fatherhood. The touch of war has added to the tones of the past the tones of the present, and of an everlasting brotherhood, and tomorrow will see more men at worship than ever before.

It would seem that every poor family in the city will have a special service to have learned the joy of giving, and with all the multitude of calls being made, the poor are not forgotten. The music of the churches seems to have reached the climax of excellence, and from the humblest to the highest, great stress has been laid upon this, until now, almost an unimportant feature. With the inspiration of the great carols, the music of the churches seems to have reached the climax of excellence, and from the humblest to the highest, great stress has been laid upon this, until now, almost an unimportant feature.

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## WILL BLARE OUT CAROLS

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Out of the ordinary also is the harp and violin music at the evening oratorio service by Miss Irene Stratton and Miss Marion Nicholson. The oratorio is "The Nativity," sung by six voices under the direction of Eugene Blanchard.

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Out of the ordinary also is the harp and violin music at the evening oratorio service by Miss Irene Stratton and Miss Marion Nicholson. The oratorio is "The Nativity," sung by six voices under the direction of Eugene Blanchard.

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## Y. W. C. A. VESPER

Mrs. Charles J. Woodbury, a past president of the Y. W. C. A. of Oakland, will read Christmas stories of her own composition at the Y. W. C. A. vesper service, 8:30 p. m. tomorrow night. The public is invited to hear the works of this distinguished woman.

## ALAMEDA BAPTIST

Following is the Christmas program of services tomorrow at the First Baptist church, corner Santa Clara and Station streets, Alameda. Rev. Arthur Polk, pastor.

## ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN

St. Paul's Lutheran church, corner Third and Broadway streets, will have a week of Christmas and New Year festivities beginning tomorrow, and ending January 1. On Christmas day, at 11 a. m. will be the first festival service with program as follows:

## ENDEAVOR RALLY

The Chinese Endeavorers again walked away with the banner of Endeavor Sunday at the city union rally. The Endeavorers of the First Baptist church, Berkeley, took the banner on percentage. There were 100 percent of the Endeavorers in the city union rally.

## AT PIONEER MEMORIAL

Following is the Christmas program of Pioneer Memorial Sunday school, corner Third and Broadway streets, Alameda. Rev. Arthur Polk, pastor.

## PIONEER CHURCH

Sunday morning at 10 o'clock at the Pioneer Memorial Methodist Church Rev. Harold Gorette, the pastor, will preach

## TRINITY M. E.

The music for Sunday, December 23, at Trinity Methodist church, corner Third and Broadway streets, will include the following:



# SERVICES AT SWEDISH M.E. ON CHRISTMAS

Presbyterian church Christmas picture and story hour beginning at 7:30 o'clock. The moving picture will be the famous Biblical masterpiece "From the Manger to the Cross," a recent life story of Jesus, produced in authentic locations in Palestine and Egypt and consisting of five reels. A free offering will be taken that those interested may have a part in helping to give this treat to the west Oakland neighborhood.

Issued About January 1st

There, come here  
every church has a day at the county  
fair, Sunday, December 30.  
will be Emmanuel's. A program has been  
arranged that will bring up the  
Emmanuel is going to have a large  
crowd this year. With the  
club and C. E. club and  
they will give some noise. Mrs.  
Ed Smith has charge of the music and  
and another machine they will  
for the singing it will be most  
highly appreciated.

**MEN'S CLUB ELECT.**  
At the regular meeting of the Men's  
Club of the First Baptist Church, Tuesday  
evening, the following officers were elected  
to serve the ensuing year: President,  
Frank Fullinger; vice-president, Charles  
H. Nelson; secretary, H. B. Nelson;  
treasurer, O. A. Nelson. The shoe order  
were awarded to Dr. E. F. Jones and  
for the best story.

Barry crown this year. The boys' club, the G. A. R. club and Mrs. E. Smith, has charge of the music and if anyone has a machine they would like to lend for the evening it will be most highly appreciated.

**MEN'S CLUB ELECT.**  
At the regular meeting of the Men's Club of First Christian church, Tuesday evening, the following officers were elected to serve the ensuing year: President, Frank Billinger; vice-president, Charles Ruckman; secretary, J. L. Hunt; treasurer, O. A. Nelson. The shoe order was awarded to Dr. E. F. Jones for the best Who's Who and to J. Orrin Hand for the best story.



# WARNS SHIPPERS OF SEA RAIDER

Warning to Pacific coast vessel owners to be on the lookout for the French schooner Lutece, which is proving the South American coast as a German base. The schooner's crew, which was aboard, was brought to this port today by Henri Ernest Grand of Papete, their owner of the craft.

He is a passenger on the Alcoa. He is a Frenchman, the Lutece, which was captured by German raiders last August and its crew of 40 Americans marooned on the coast of French Polynesia. By Captain A. E. McDonald of the brig Gravelle off the coast of Hawaii in October, 1914, the schooner was familiar with Lutece, having seen it many times at Papete.

According to McDonald, the schooner was seen in the harbor of Honolulu, filling his hose with steam in preparation to attack the American fleet. He was filling his hose with steam in preparation to attack the American fleet. He was filling his hose with steam in preparation to attack the American fleet.

Invasion. Grand was questioned by the American authorities at Honolulu on his arrival at Manoa, as he had at one time been the agent for a German firm in Honolulu. He has been established in the business of the Pacific coast.

Grand has a son in the French army, who is decorated for valiant service, and two daughters attending school in California.

**FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH**  
DANA AND BANCROFT, BERKELEY.  
Rev. J. H. McCarty, Pastor.  
9:45 a. m.—Sunday-school.  
11:00 a. m.—Church

**A NEW CHRISTMAS  
QUARTET: SPECIAL MUSIC.**  
7:45 p. m.—Christmas cantata at Sunday-school.

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**EPISCOPAL**

**St. Paul's Church**  
Cor. Grand Ave. and Montecito.  
Take Grand ave. car  
The Rev. Alexander Allen, rector.  
8:00 a. m.—Holy Communion.  
9:45 a. m.—Sunday-school.  
11:00 a. m.—Morning service and sermon.  
Wednesday, April 20, 10 a. m.

**St. John's Church**  
(EPISCOPAL)  
EIGHTH AND GROVE STS.  
REV. IRVING SPENCER, Rector.  
**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 23**  
7:45 a. m.—Holy Communion.  
9:45 a. m.—Church School.  
11:00 a. m.—Choral Eucharist and sermon  
"The Secret of Happiness"  
7:45 p. m.—Choral Evensong.  
"One Whom You Know Not"  
**CHRISTMAS EVE**  
11:45 P. M., Midnight Mass (plain).  
**CHRISTMAS DAY**  
7:30 A. M., Holy Communion.

"At the Manger"  
Music repeated the following Sunday.  
Children's Christmas tree and  
Carol Festival' next Thursday  
—7 to 8 p. m. All children  
invited.

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## Holy Innocents

SHATTUCK AVE., NEAR 55TH ST.  
T. HOLT, Vicar.  
SUNDAY SERVICES:  
Morning 8, 11; evening, 7:45.  
Church School, 9:45 a. m.  
CHRISTMAS SERVICES:  
Two celebrations of the Holy Eucharist:  
• One at 7:30 a. m.; the other at 10:00  
a. m.

Mardon D. Wilson, rector; S.S., 9:45 a. m., services, 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m.

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**ROMAN CATHOLIC**

**TOMORROW**

GO TO

**St. Mary's**

**CATHOLIC CHURCH**

8th st., at Jefferson  
Services 6:30, 8, 9, 10  
10 11 12-1:45 Evening  
services 7:45 o'clock  
**ALL WELCOME.**

ST. LEO'S Catholic Church, Piedmont  
ave. and Ridgeway—Services 7, 8, 10:30,  
12; evening service, 7:45 o'clock.

**REORGANIZED CHURCH OF  
LATTER DAY SAINTS**

16th and Magnolia  
 Preaching services 11 a. m., 7:45 p. m.,  
 Sunday-school, 9:45; Religio, 6:15; prayer  
 meeting Wed., 7:45; J. W. Presley, pastor;  
 all welcome.

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The presents prepared for the infirm inmates have been chosen after a canvass had been made of the wishes of the old men and women and are in the institution. They ranged all the way from a pair of No. 7 shoes to cracked oxfords. There will be a dozen watches given and a pair of earrings to an old woman. Most of the women have asked for warm wafters and kimonoes. A safety razor and several standard razors are also included among the requests.

# WILL CELEBRATE

The Hotel Oakland will celebrate the fifth anniversary of its completion tomorrow. Manager W. C. Jurgens and his staff will meet to hold a little celebration in honor of the date.

In honor of the anniversary the Hotel Oakland has purchased a new account of the history of the hotel, describing its various features. This article is from the pen of John Willy, editor of the megazine, who recently visited Oakland and Manager Jurgens' guest. The article described the "Victor Reiter System" of room accounting, tells of the work of Chief B. Liedholm, and the system installed in the hotel. It also contains several published photographs of the hotel, exterior and interiors, and Oakland views, and gave a description of Oakland and its attractions to the tourist.

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# Ghirardelli's Ground Chocolate

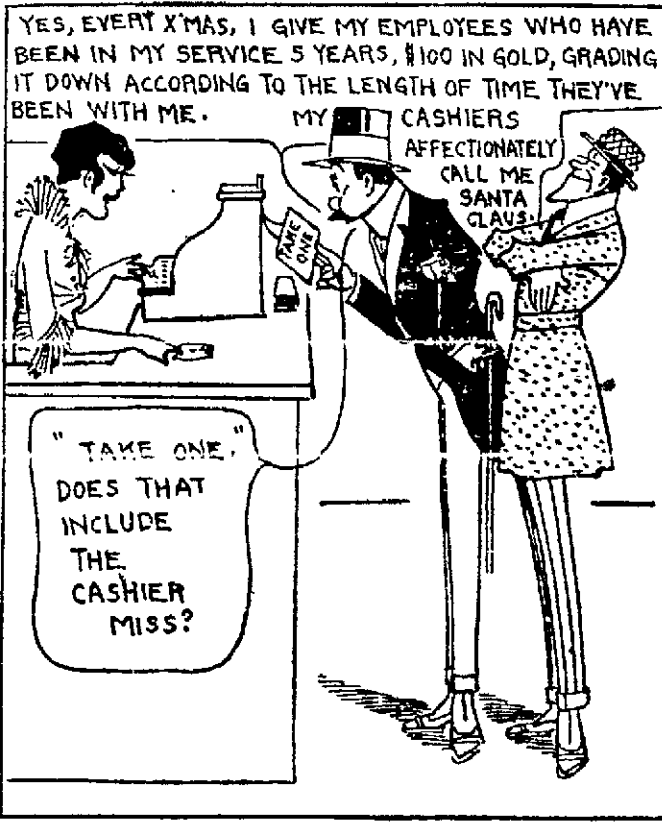
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# RICHMOND MAY ENTER TEAM IN WINTER LEAGUE RACE

## PERCY AND FERDIE---Good News, but Ill Timed

By H. A. MacGILL  
Creator of the Hall-Room Boys.



## Dick Greathouse Plans To Apply For Vacancy Left in Class A Clubs

Oakland Natives Out; Pittsburg and Other Clubs Enthusiastic Over League.

By CARL E. BRAZIER.

East bay city mid-winter baseball will continue on its way without the Oakland Natives. There are several prospects in sight today to take the place left vacant in the Class A race, but no definite selection will be made until a meeting of the clubs early next week, thus giving a chance for any other clubs to put in applications for the place. Any club desiring to step into the Class A vacancy should get in touch with President Jerry Lawlor before Monday in order to be considered.

The story that Pittsburg is preparing to quit was quickly disproved by a personal letter from J. R. Cook, the manager of the Columbia Steel team. It seems that the story started from gossip among some of the players that they would not come to Oakland to play because they did not figure they could get expenses. When they were told that the league agreement guarantees their expenses, the boys changed their minds. All the clubs remaining in the league are enthusiastic in their determination to finish the season, and with a reliable club to plug up the vacancy left by the Oakland Natives the league looks stronger than ever.

### THREE NEW TEAMS IN SIGHT

Charley Thollander is one of those who will apply for the right to enter a team in the vacancy left by the Oakland Natives. Thollander had the J. J. Kreig team in the winter league race last year and was always counted on as a troublous outfit for the leaders in the race. Billie Burke, veteran Coast League trainer, was also on hand with a little talk about organizing a team from the Union Iron Works and entering the Class A race. Dick Greathouse from Richmond was hobnobbing among the boys and if the fans of his town give the proper response tomorrow Greathouse may apply for a place for a Richmond club.

Richmond would probably be given the inside track to a place in the league, for the oil town would have less difficulty in signing up a team at this stage than any of the other possible applicants. There are plenty of ball players working for the oil company at Richmond who are not in the league; other teams would have difficulty in finding players for most of them around here are already signed up.

UP TO RICHMOND FANS. The Maxwell Hardware and Alameda clubs will play tomorrow at Richmond, and about tomorrow night, Greathouse will have a pretty definite line on whether his fans will back a club in the winter league. If the fans turn out in good numbers tomorrow for the Alameda-Maxwell game they should turn out in even bigger numbers for a team game. Greathouse will take a "quint" at his crowd and talk to a few of the fans before he makes a definite application. But present indications are that Richmond will be in the league by word from tomorrow.

At the meantime the Fruitvale and Oakland Natives will play an exhibition game at Fruitvale tomorrow. The game will not count in the league standing, as the Oakland Natives have formally withdrawn from the league on account of dissatisfaction with the ruling on their protest of last Sunday's game in Pittsburg. The Oakland Natives were on hand at a special meeting of the class A clubs last night. President Jerry Lawlor explained why he had made his decision and none of the managers showed any disposition to question his judgment. The general sentiment seemed to be that the Oakland Natives had been on hand the night that the decision was made to leave the league, and the other managers did not care to break faith with him and question his decision.

EXHIBITION AT FRUITVALE. Whatever club is selected to take the place of the Oakland Natives will have a postponed game to play off with the Fruitvale Natives. The directors have figured it too late to pick a new club last night, and they will stage a game with Fruitvale for Sunday. So the Fruitvale club was allowed to go ahead with its plans for an exhibition game with the Oakland Natives and a game from tomorrow the Fruitvale club will resume its league activities.

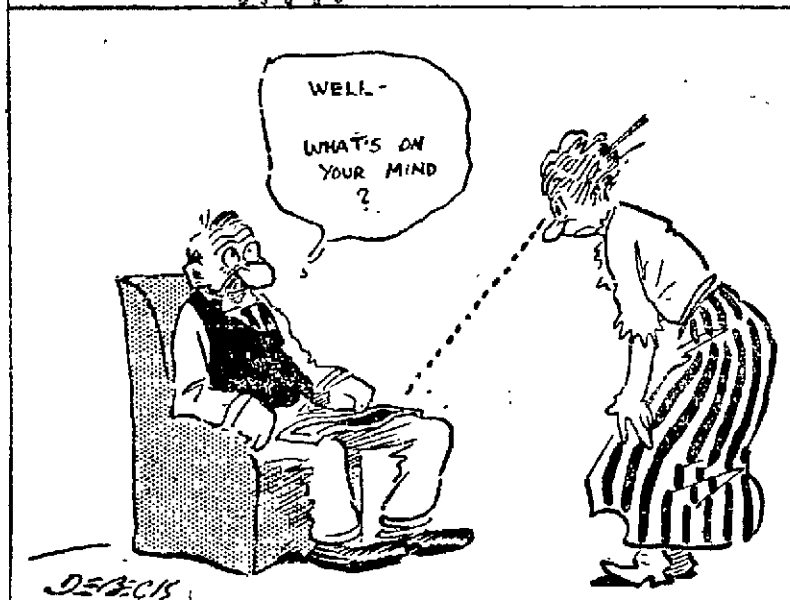
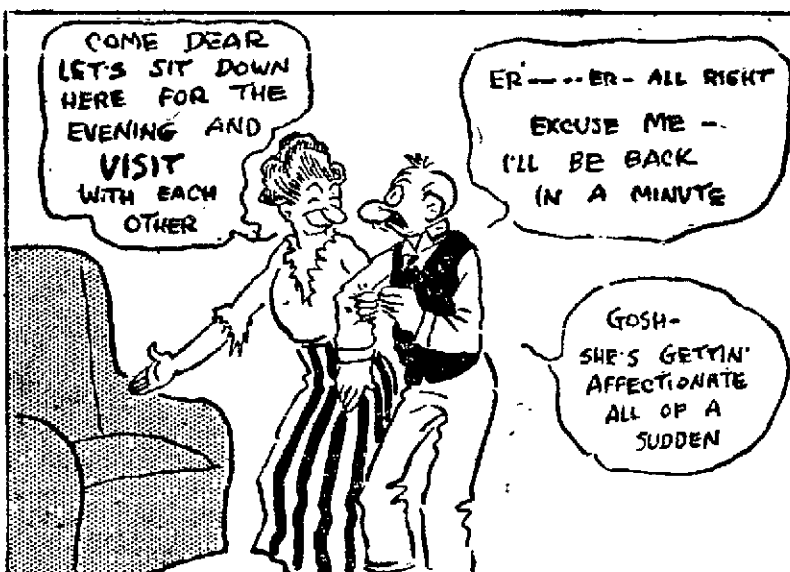
This will leave the winter league with nothing but Class B games to offer the fans tomorrow. The game at Fruitvale will be an exhibition game with no betting on the league race, and being an exhibition game, some of the Oakland players may appear at home tomorrow the Fruitvale club will resume its league activities.

LOCAL GAMES IN CLASS B. All of tomorrow's Class A games will be out of town. The Pittsburg, Crockett and Richmond lads will be the guests of the host cities. Three games of the class B division will be played on the local lot, and these boys are putting up some real battles. The fans will not go hungry for lack of some good baseball diet.

With the Oakland Natives out of the league, the Fruitvale park will be available for games every Sunday by the Fruitvale Natives and Red Powers and his gang are planning to play all the rest of their games at home. Tomorrow's game with the Oakland Natives is an exhibition affair, but then come a string of feature games that should make the fans sit up and take notice. A week from tomorrow the Southern Pacific will play at Fruitvale, then in the weeks following will come the Maxwell, Marylands, Alameda, Crockett and Pittsburg. The Fruitvale boys also have a tie game with Pittsburg to play off which may be staged on the local lot, and there will be a postponed game to play off with the Richmond club or whatever team takes the place of the Oakland Natives.

The addition of a club from Richmond

## MARRIED LIFE



## Tomorrow's Winter League Games

CLASS A DIVISION.

Alameda vs. Maxwell Hardware, at Richmond, 2 p. m. Umpire--Ed. Klepfer.  
Maryland Bowlers vs. Pittsburg (Columbia Steel Company), at Pittsburg 2 p. m. Umpire--Lattimore.  
Southern Pacific vs. Crockett, 2 p. m. Umpire--Connors.  
Oakland Parlor N. S. C. W. vs. Fruitvale N. S. C. W., at Fruitvale. Umpire--Baumgarten. Exhibition Game.

CLASS B DIVISION.

Santa Fe Improvers vs. Melrose Merchants, at Melrose, 2 p. m. Umpire--Harry Miller.  
Vitt's Grays vs. Maxwell Hardware No. 2, at Hawthorne playgrounds, 2:15 p. m. Umpire--Ferrari.  
Alameda Merchants vs. Crystal Laundry, at Bay View playgrounds, 1:30 p. m. Umpire--Heinic Martin.

## Standing of Winter League Clubs

CLASS A				CLASS B			
Club	Won.	Lost.	Pct.	Club	Won.	Lost.	Pct.
Columbia Steel	0	0	1.000	Melrose Merchants	4	1	.800
Crockett	5	1	.833	Maxwell Hardware	4	2	.667
Fruitvale Natives	4	2	.667	Alameda Merchants	3	3	.500
Maxwell Hardware	3	3	.500	Santa Fe Improvers	3	3	.500
Maryland Bowlers	3	3	.500	Crystal Laundry	2	4	.333
Southern Pacific	1	5	.166	Vitt's Grays	1	4	.200
Alameda	0	6	.000				

## Charley Weeghman Cares Not for Coin in Pennant Quest

CHICAGO, Dec. 22.—Charley Weeghman, star pitcher of the Chicago Cubs, is not worried about the pennant race, but is anxious to win the World Series. Weeghman is a big, powerful pitcher, and is one of the best in the league. He is not worried about the pennant race, but is anxious to win the World Series.

## Mare Island Team to Play All-Stars From Vallejo at Football

VALLEJO, Dec. 22.—The crack Mare Island cantonment football eleven will have the easy time with the Vallejo All Stars Sunday that it had with the Vallejo Spartans last Sunday. Manager Joe McIntosh is busy signing up some of the best players in town for his squad. Last night McIntosh announced that he had secured Tony Blanco to hold down the quarterback position and that means the best man to be found for the place on the job.

## More Holdouts Than Ever Among Baseball Players

Many Contracts Expire and Reduced Salary Plan Will Cause Many Howls.

By JACK VELOCK,  
International News Service Sports Editor.

NEW YORK, Dec. 22.—Holdouts among major league players promise to break all records during the next three months, according to a prominent baseball man here today. It is said that there are fewer hold-out contracts in the possession of players now than for the past five or six years, and with so many contracts expiring the clubowners must sign a greater number of men for 1918 than is usually the case.

With retrenchment the by-word of the clubowners, it is a certainty that contracts for 1918 are going to call for less money than they did last season and it is just as certain that the players are going to balk. In some cases the players are already making big demands. The case of Roger Hornsby of the Cardinals is one of the most interesting. Hornsby has informed Branch Rickey that he will not play last season unless he received \$10,000 for his services.

## Benicia Arsenal Boys to Raise Athletic Funds

Big Football Game Will Be Staged Tomorrow by Soldier Teams.

Athletic equipment for the boys at the Benicia Arsenal will be the aim of the big benefit football game to be staged at Benicia tomorrow afternoon. From Benicia, Crockett, Martinez, Susan and other nearby sections the interest that has been aroused over the game promises plenty of excitement. The game will be staged between two teams from the Arsenal, one known as the "Artillery Reds," and the other known as the "Ordnance Blues." The game will be played tomorrow afternoon at the Benicia ball park.

## ST. JOSEPH WINS, 44 TO 11

The St. Joseph Athletic Club defeated the Standard Oil team, 44 to 11, Wednesday night on the St. Joseph court. The St. Joseph boys had the lead all the way, building up a start of 23 to 8 in the first half. The line-ups: St. Joseph Athletic Club—Porter and Benoit, forwards; McGuire, center; Schaffer and Reed, guards. Standard Oil—Santos and Almqvist, forwards; Cullen, center; Larkin and Buckley, guards. Goals scored: By Porter 6, Emdel 7, Pasquale 4, Reed 2. Fouls scored: By Porter 3, Pasquale 2, Reed 1. Referee—Lemas.

## VETERAN SHORTSTOP KILLED

CHICAGO, Dec. 22.—Jack Gluscock, shortstop of the Cleveland baseball club many years ago, and his wife, were instantly killed last night when their automobile was struck by a passenger train at Louisville, Ohio.

## RAY MAYWOOD QUILTS

DES MOINES, Dec. 22.—Johnny Nove of St. Paul pounded Ray Maywood of Milwaukee so hard for six rounds that the latter quit. It was to have been a 12-round bout.

## PAL MOORE BEATEN

PROVIDENCE, R. I., Dec. 22.—Joe Lynch of New York won a decision over Pal Moore of Memphis in the twelve-round main bout here last night.

## Joe Rivers Is Easy Winner In Portland

Northwestern Favorite Lasts Less Than Two Minutes Against Mexican.

PORTLAND, Or., Dec. 22.—Joe Rivers of Los Angeles last night came and saw and conquered, carrying off another scalp when he laid Joe Beniamin, the Portland favorite lightweight, cold with a right jab to the face and a stomach in just one and one-quarter minutes of fighting in the first round of what was to have been a six-round bout.

## P.A.A. Title Events Planned For Next Year

Swimming and Basketball Are Chief Sports Considered in Early Plans.

Chairman John Elliott of the P. A. A. championship committee has outlined a most comprehensive plan for all the championship activities of the 1918 season. At last night's meeting of the association the committee announced the following plan for the running off of all events.

For the first time in the history of the association there will be junior swimming championship events consisting of the following: Outdoor events, 440 yards and mile, high diving, indoor events, 100 and 500 yards free style, 100 yards back stroke, 100 yards breast stroke and fancy diving.

## TOURNAMENT CALLED OFF

BROOKLYN, N. Y., Dec. 22.—The annual covered court tennis tournament of the Longwood Cricket Club will not be held this winter. Officials of the club said today that as the season of the club was not a success, the country's service it would be impossible to arouse enough enthusiasm to attract an adequate attendance. The latest cup offered for the championship is not known. At present he is drilling with the other selective service men at the cantonment at Camp Lodge.

## Willard Still Far From Bout With Fulton

Champion Is Getting in Worse With Fans by Trying to Dictate Benefit Fight.

By LUTHER A. HUSTON,  
International News Service Staff Correspondent.

CHICAGO, Dec. 22.—There appears today to be about as much chance of getting Jess Willard and Fred Fulton into the ring together as there is of electing the Kaiser president of the United States. If these battling maulers ever clash it will be when some outside promoter presents the anomaly to the ring that just now is all cluttered up with seemingly insurmountable obstacles.

In the first place Jess declares he will not battle more than ten rounds in the scrap he says he is offered to stage for the benefit of the Red Cross and he stipulates that the title must not be involved. In other words Jess is willing to sacrifice his title for money, but he is not willing to sacrifice his title for money for the Red Cross.

Willard says he will never box Fulton unless it is in a match where he has a chance to win the title. Fulton likewise has scruples against giving all the money to the Red Cross and says he cannot afford to pay his own training expenses for the bout. Fred suggests that the fighters work up a fund between them and split the Red Cross the remaining 50 per cent of the title.

Another difficulty in the way is Willard's declaration that he will promote the affair himself. Meanwhile the Red Cross is waiting for the fight to be promoted by someone else. The situation of having two title claimants, it will be remembered that Fulton announced a few weeks ago that unless Willard posted a forfeit to meet him before December 20 he would claim the title.

Jess ignored Fulton's announcement, so Fred is abroad "somewhere in the sunny South" today, telling the natives that he is the champion because Jess has refused to meet him.

Willard, feeling robust and still able to take care of himself, thinks the title is his. If he can win the Red Cross title, he will be able to fight Fulton. Jess has an eye on Homer Smith, the Michigan heavyweight champion, who is in hand, develop his fighting ability, and will hand him the crown whenever he shows ability to defend it.

## Golfers Will Play Holiday Tournaments on Local Club Links

Sequel to the Christmas tournament today and night is on Sunday. The tournament will be played at the same time the Claremont golfers will be starting their big Red Cross tournament. Out of the tournament, the Claremont players will be selected into flights of eight for the first and second round play on Sunday. The tournament will be finished on Christmas day, memberships to the Red Cross to be awarded to the winners of the several flights and to the high net and gross men.

Out of several months of inactivity, local golfers have started quite a series of tournaments. The first of the series was the Christmas tournament, which was won by E. J. Haddon. The tournament was a success, and the golfers are now planning to play a series of tournaments during the winter months.

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